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METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 312 MONTHS

Little Rock - Bud Cummins, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced that Kenneth Irvin was sentenced to 312 months (26 years), in federal prison on Wednesday by United States Federal District Court Judge George Howard, Jr., for his role in a methamphetamine conspiracy to which he had pleaded guilty last September.

"You are going to see more and more large federal sentences in cases involving imported meth and there is no parole in the federal system," Cummins stated. "A lot of work has gone into stamping out local meth labs but we also know how to investigate and punish meth smugglers."

Irvin, age 43, pleaded guilty to two federal drug counts covering his conspiracy to distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine as well as his possession of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute up through February 10, 2005.

According to the Indictment and evidence presented in hearings, Irvin obtained methamphetamine from sources in and/or near Mexico, and supplied methamphetamine to others in Lonoke and Saline Counties. Over \$33,500 and more than 150 grams of methamphetamine were seized during this investigation, along with cocaine, marijuana and chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Two others involved in this conspiracy have also pleaded guilty to the conspiracy before Judge Howard. Dustin Bradbury was sentenced on December 21, 2005 to 5 years imprisonment for his role in the conspiracy. Omar Gilliam, another convicted conspirator, has other charges pending in federal court and has not yet been sentenced for his role.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) coordinated the investigation along with the Saline County Sheriff's Office and the Little Rock Police Department.

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